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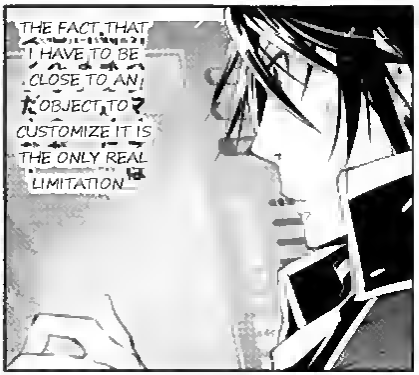
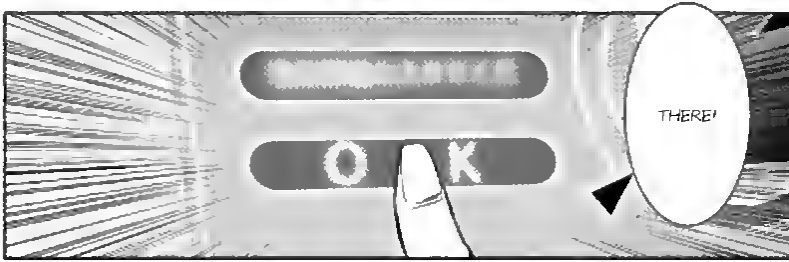

THE FACT THAT I HAVE TO BE CLOSE TO AN OBJECT TO CUSTOMIZE IT IS THE ONLY REAL LIMITATION

OUCH!
IT'S HOT!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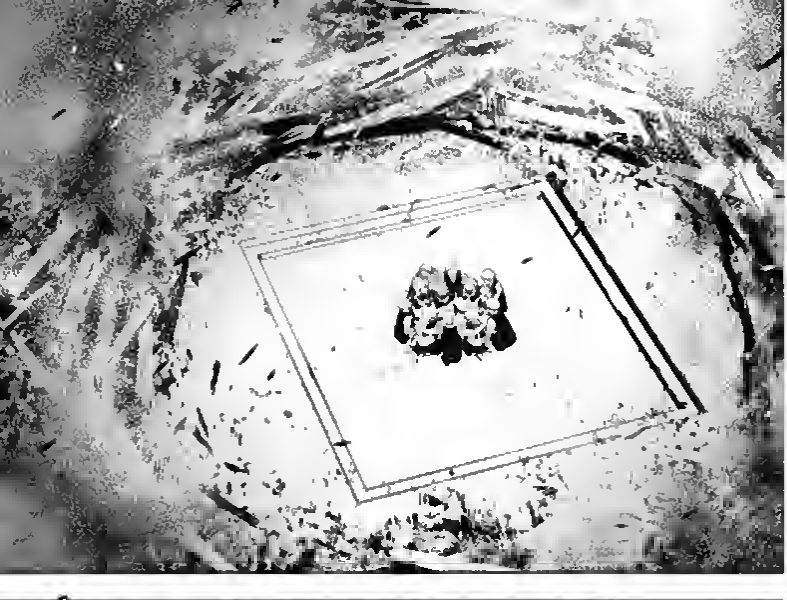

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LOOKS LIKE IT WENT WELL

WELL DONE CAPTAIN.

YOUR DIVINE ART REALLY MAKES NO SENSE
IT'S STILL SMOLDERING, SO MAKE SURE YOU PROPERLY EXTINGUISH IT
LAY OFF
WE FOUND A BODY THAT SEEMS TO BELONG TO ONE OF THE ASSAILANTS!
CAPTAIN YUUSUKE!
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THIS SOLDIER IS FROM THE DRAWN SWORD RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY.
...THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT.

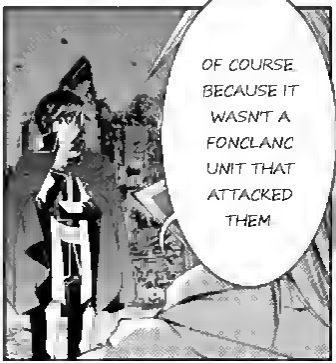
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

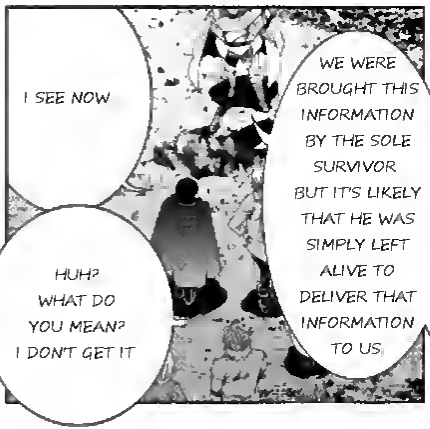
SO THEN GAZETTA REALLY WAS INVOLVED IN THIS ATTACK?
NO.
WHAT?

THAT'S NOT IT.
HMPH.
I SEE NOW.

WHAT?
I HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANYTHING LIKE THAT HAPPENING.

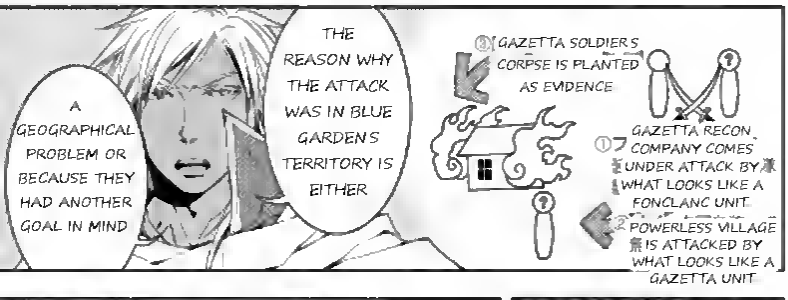
ABOUT 5 DAYS AGO WE SENT A COMPANY TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORT OF POWERLESS VILLAGES BEING ATTACKED BUT THIS COMPANY WAS ATTACKED AND DESTROYED BY A FONCLANC UNIT.
I JOINED YOU BECAUSE I WANTED TO LOOK INTO THAT MATTER.


OF COURSE. BECAUSE IT WASN'T A FONCLANC UNIT THAT ATTACKED THEM.


I SEE NOW.
WE WERE BROUGHT THIS INFORMATION BY THE SOLE SURVIVOR BUT IT'S LIKELY THAT HE WAS SIMPLY LEFT ALIVE TO DELIVER THAT INFORMATION TO US.
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I DON'T GET IT.

THEY WEREN'T FROM BLUE GARDEN EITHER RIGHT?
CORRECT.

THIS MUST'VE BEEN DONE BY THE GUYS THAT ATTACKED THE GAZETTA COMPANY.
THEY TOOK A CORPSE FROM THE GAZETTA COMPANY AND LEFT IT HERE SO THAT IT LOOKED LIKE GAZETTA WAS RESPONSIBLE.
IT WAS ALL DONE BY SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO SEE FONCLANC AND GAZETTA GO AT EACH OTHER.


THE REASON WHY THE ATTACK WAS IN BLUE GARDEN'S TERRITORY IS EITHER
A GEOGRAPHICAL PROBLEM OR BECAUSE THEY HAD ANOTHER GOAL IN MIND
③ GAZETTA SOLDIER'S CORPSE IS PLANTED AS EVIDENCE
① GAZETTA RECON COMPANY COMES UNDER ATTACK BY WHAT LOOKS LIKE A FONCLANC UNIT
② POWERLESS VILLAGE IS ATTACKED BY WHAT LOOKS LIKE A GAZETTA UNIT

YES, BUT...
THAT'S HOW IT LOOKS
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A RECKLESS UNIT IN THIS COUNTRY. AND YOU GUYS ARE KEEPING QUIET ABOUT THIS RIGHT?

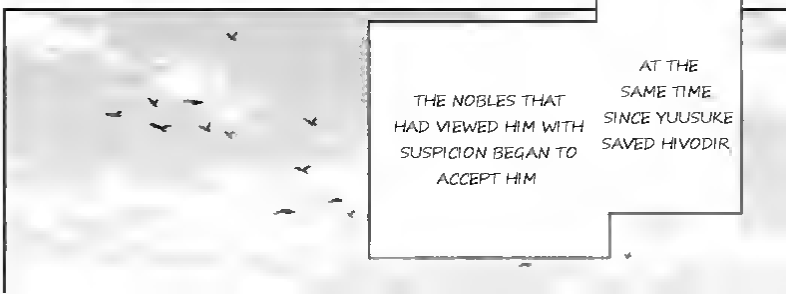
SO UH...
THIS IS ALL BEING DONE BY SOMEONE WHO ISN'T WITH US, GAZETTA OR BLUE GARDEN?

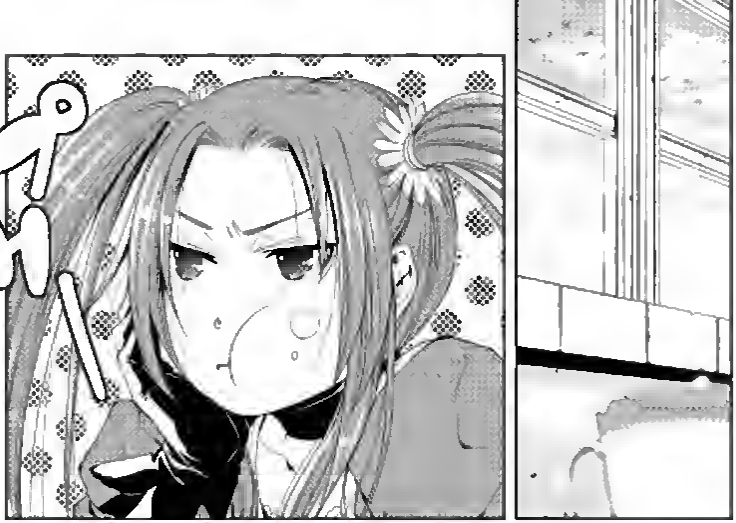
I GUESS IT'S UNLIKELY TO BE THE REMNANTS OF IZ..PPNAR'S PEOPLE...
AND HAS ENOUGH POWER TO PULL OFF THESE SORT OF THINGS?
SO THEN THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE WHO WANTS FONCLANC AND GAZETTA TO FIGHT
THERE'S PLENTY OF IDIOTS IN THE WORLD WHO'D BELIEVE THIS AND GET INVOLVED.
IT'S PROBABLY NOSSENTES
ANY CLUES ON WHO IT COULD BE?
THEY COULD BE GOING AROUND AND DOING ALL THIS WHILE SOMEONE ELSE PULLS THE STRINGS...
NO FOR GETTING THINGS DONE THEY WOULD DO
SOME OF IZAPPNAR'S SUBORDINATES FROM THE ELITE UNITS WERE FAMILIAR WITH FONCLANC'S LAND WEREN'T THEY?

WHAT?! ARE THEY JUST MAKING US FIGHT BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE HOW YOU'RE PLOTTING SOMETHING AGAINST THEM?!
IT'S ALSO WHERE FAITH OF THE 4 GREAT GODS EMERGED
AND THEY'RE OUR FIRST TARGET IN THE REVIVAL OF THE WHITE CLAN'S EMPIRE
BLUE GARDEN
GAZETTA
NOSSENTES
THEY'RE THE 2ND MAJOR POWER HERE AND THEIR CAPITAL IS AN ANCIENT CITY THAT'S SAID TO BE THE OLDEST IN CALTSIO
HEH. IT SEEMS DIVINE ARTISTS ARE QUITE FOND OF FIGHTING ALL THE TIME
WOULDN'T YOU RATHER JOIN GAZETTA WHERE WE TAKE GOOD CARE OF OUR COMRADES?
THEY'RE A GREAT POWER BUT THEIR MILITARY ISN'T AS GREAT
SO HAVING US EXHAUST OUR RESOURCES WOULD BE RATHER CONVENIENT FOR THEM

AND DON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION!
DON'T JUST START TALKING LIKE THAT!

KING ESVOBUS WAS CONSIDERING POSTPONING EVENTS LIKE THE MEETING WITH BLUE GARDEN AS HE THOUGHT OF COUNTERMEASURES
BECAUSE HIVODIR, THE SON OF A DUKE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT


THE NOBLES THAT HAD VIEWED HIM WITH SUSPICION BEGAN TO ACCEPT HIM
AT THE SAME TIME, SINCE YUUSUKE SAVED HIVODIR,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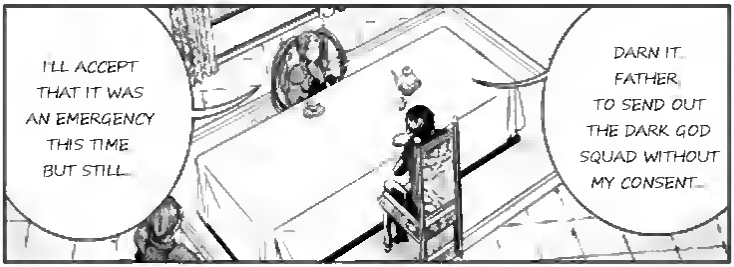
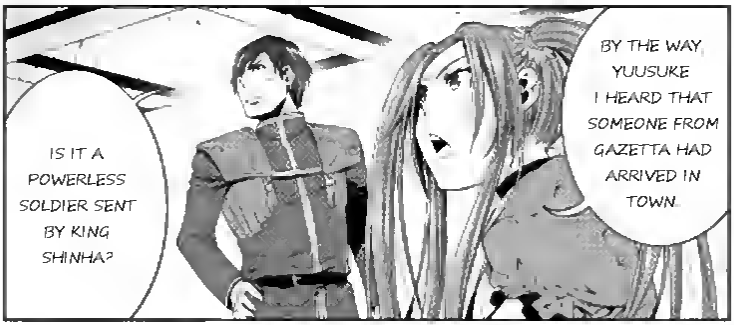

I'LL ACCEPT THAT IT WAS AN EMERGENCY THIS TIME BUT STILL...
DARN IT... FATHER, TO SEND OUT THE DARK GOD SQUAD WITHOUT MY CONSENT...


IS IT A POWERLESS SOLDIER SENT BY KING SHINHA?
BY THE WAY, YUUSUKE I HEARD THAT SOMEONE FROM GAZETTA HAD ARRIVED IN TOWN.

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THE KING HAS COME HERE ALL ON HIS OWN?
NO... IT'S SHINHA HIMSELF.
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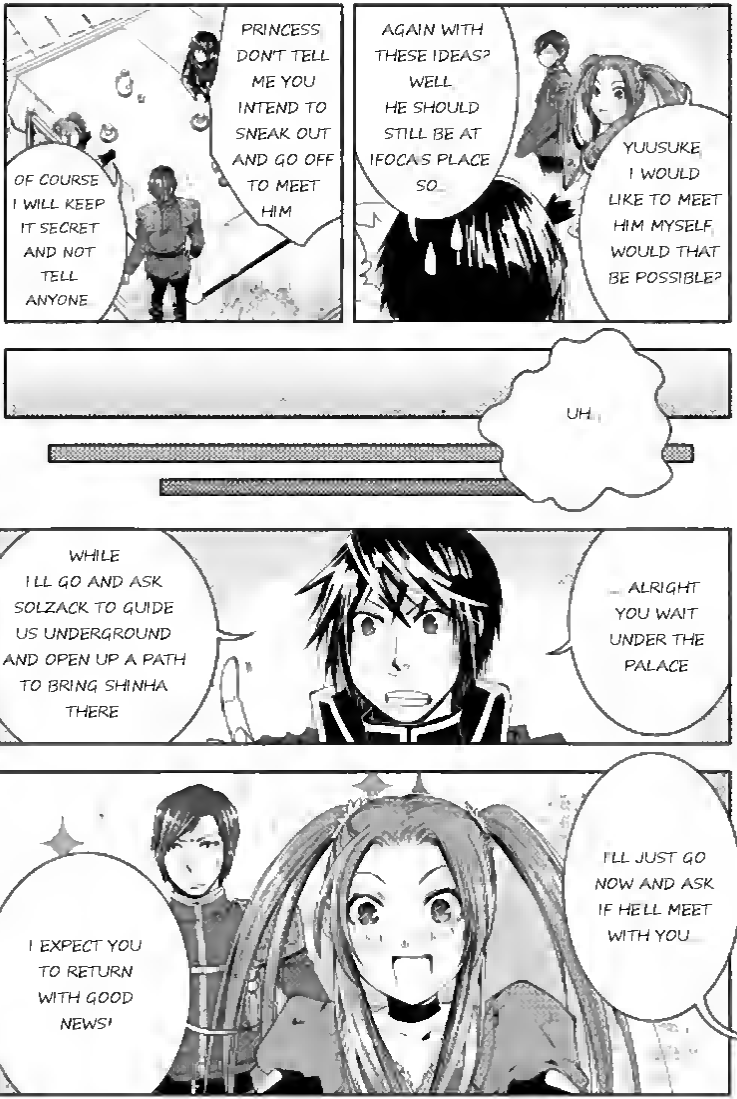
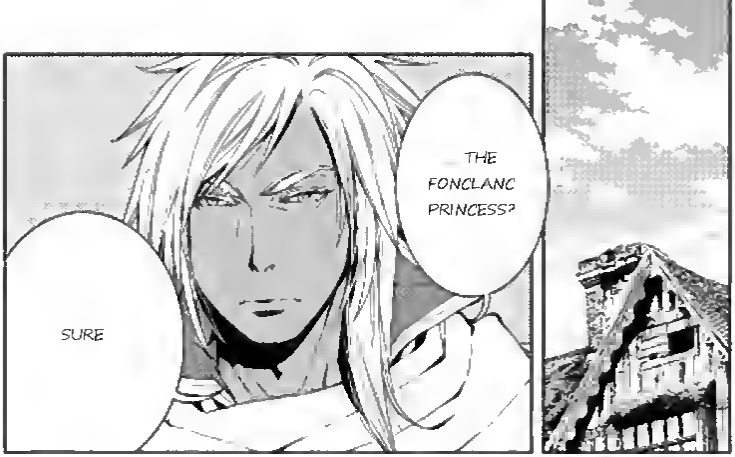
ER... NO I JUST
FOR WHAT? STARTING A WAR WITH GAZETTA?
BUT THE KING OF GAZETTA IS RIGHT HERE! IT'S THE PERFECT CHANCE!


PRINCESS DON'T TELL ME YOU INTEND TO SNEAK OUT AND GO OFF TO MEET HIM
OF COURSE I WILL KEEP IT SECRET AND NOT TELL ANYONE
AGAIN WITH THESE IDEAS? WELL HE SHOULD STILL BE AT IFOCA'S PLACE SO...
YUUSUKE I WOULD LIKE TO MEET HIM MYSELF WOULD THAT BE POSSIBLE?
UH...
WHILE I'LL GO AND ASK SOLZACK TO GUIDE US UNDERGROUND AND OPEN UP A PATH TO BRING SHINHA THERE
...ALRIGHT YOU WAIT UNDER THE PALACE
I EXPECT YOU TO RETURN WITH GOOD NEWS!
I'LL JUST GO NOW AND ASK IF HE'LL MEET WITH YOU...


THE FONCLANC PRINCESS?
SURE

YOU KNOW YOU COULD HAVE HESITATED

3 DAYS AFTER WE CLOSED THOSE HOLES A NEW HOLE APPEARED LEADING UNDERGROUND
SOLZACK HAVE YOU BEEN GOING DOWN HERE AGAIN?

HAVING VOLET WAIT UNDER THE PALACE WAS THE RIGHT CALL
THE ONLY ONES USING THESE PLACES ARE THE SONG FARMERS WHO ARE OPERATING ILLEGALLY
IF I HAVE A DEVICE TO FIDDLE WITH, I WON'T GO UNDERGROUND HAHA
OF COURSE NOT! I'VE BEEN OCCUPIED WITH DEVELOPING THAT VEHICLE AFTER ALL!
NO, I'D SAY THAT VOLET IS JUST SPECIAL
HMM... GIVEN HOW PEOPLE SPEAK OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, IT SEEMS PEOPLE HERE ARE BROAD-MINDED IN REGARDS TO STATUS...
HAHAHA! INDEED, CONSIDERING HER EDUCATION...
HMM... THIS PLACE WOULD MAKE FOR A GREAT HIDEOUT...
THIS IS A SHORTCUT TO THE PALACE... BUT MANY PASSAGES HAVE BEEN SUBMERGED
... DON'T HIDE HERE
THOSE'LL BE FINE, I CAN HANDLE IT...

SO BEYOND THIS WALL IS THE PALACE?
I SEE. IT REALLY IS.
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
IT'S PROBABLY VOLET.
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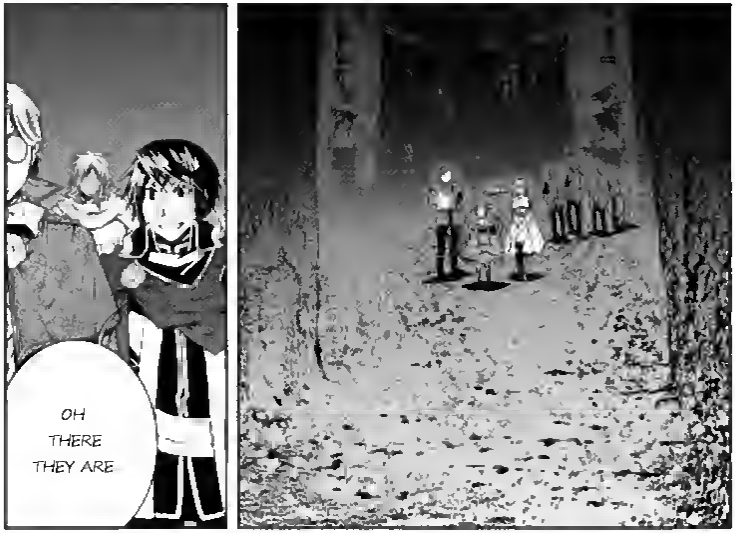
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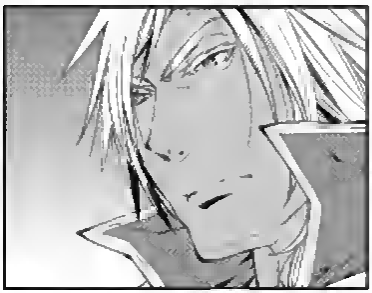
THEY ARE



I HAD NO BUSINESS WITH YOU. I SIMPLY WANTED TO SEE YOU WITH MY OWN EYES
I SEE
MY NAME IS SHINHA. WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE WITH ME?
MY NAME IS VOLET THANK YOU FOR COMING KING OF GAZETTA
IT IS A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, PRINCESS OF FONCLANC

WHOOOA!
CAN YOU TRULY HANDLE HIM THOUGH? HE IS THE EVIL GOD THAT IS BURDENED WITH THE WORLD'S CYCLE
HEH
ALSO I WILL NOT HAND OVER YUUSUKE
WAT?! HOW?!
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO LOUD I ALREADY KNOW THAT YOU SEEM TO BE THE EVIL GOD
BE QUIET!
HEY!
AH I'M SORRY. I SAID TOO MUCH
WHAT IS THAT STRANGE MISPRONUN CIATION? SUN TOLD ME EARLIER

.....
WELL, IT IS AS YOU CAN SEE
SO I ADVISE GIVING UP
THAT'S NOT MUCH OF A RESPONSE
YEAH. I HAVE A HARD TIME WITH GIRLS LIKE HER
BECAUSE THEY REMIND ME OF RISH
THAT NEAT AND LOVELY QUEEN?
I DON'T KNOW HOW LOVELY SHE IS BUT SHE WAS LIKE THAT LONG AGO.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "THAT"?
SPEAKING OF THAT QUEEN THE MEETING WITH BLUE GARDEN IS LIKELY TO BE POSTPONED

WILL GAZETTA NOT HAVE PROBLEMS LATER IF BLUE GARDEN AND FONCLANC ARE SO CLOSE?
WE'LL MANAGE
GIVEN THE RECENT EVENTS, IT'D BE BEST TO BE CLOSER TO RISH. GIVEN THE POWER SHE'S WIELDING,
I'D ADVISE AGAINST POSTPONING THAT.
I ASSUMED IT WOULD HAPPEN TO BEGIN WITH
HMM QUITE THE CONFIDENCE
SAY DOES YOUR PLAN INVOLVE FIGHTING FONCLANC EVENTUALLY?

YOU TALKED BEFORE ABOUT HOW YOUR CLAN'S PROSPERITY DEPENDS ON THE DESTRUCTION OF DIVINE ARTISTS' SOCIETY.
IF IT'S NECESSARY.
HE'S SPEAKING AS CONFIDENTLY AS ALWAYS...
JUST WHAT DOES HE KNOW?
THAT IS SIMPLY HOW IT IS IN CALTSIO
NATURALLY THE EVIL GOD'S ROLE IS IN THERE AS WELL
I'LL SUPPOSEDLY VISIT THE WHITE CLAN'S VILLAGE EVENTUALLY.
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I NEED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EVIL GOD'S ROLE...
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YOU TALK ABOUT NECESSITY. BUT WHAT IF YOU WERE CAPTURED HERE?
A NEW KING WOULD RISE IN GAZETTA AND LEAD IT INTO A NEW AGE.
IT WOULD JUST MEAN I WAS ONLY CAPABLE OF THAT MUCH.

HE SAID BEFORE THAT PROSPERITY AND DESTRUCTION ARE PART OF A CYCLE...
IS HE ACTING UNDER THE PREMISE THAT POWERLESS PEOPLE WILL PROPER AND THEN FALL?
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I WONDER WHAT HE WOULD HAVE TO SAY IF HE WEREN'T KING AND COULD SPEAK HIS MIND...
YOU DON'T REALLY SEEM SUITED TO BEING A KING
I WON'T DENY THAT.
SOMEHOW IT FEELS LIKE SHINHA'S TRYING TO COME TO TERMS WITH HIS OWN ROLE
WE SHALL MEET AGAIN.
SEE YA.

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